

# Burns Harbor RDC Survey

Monday, September 24, 2018

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## Q1: Summary of Responses

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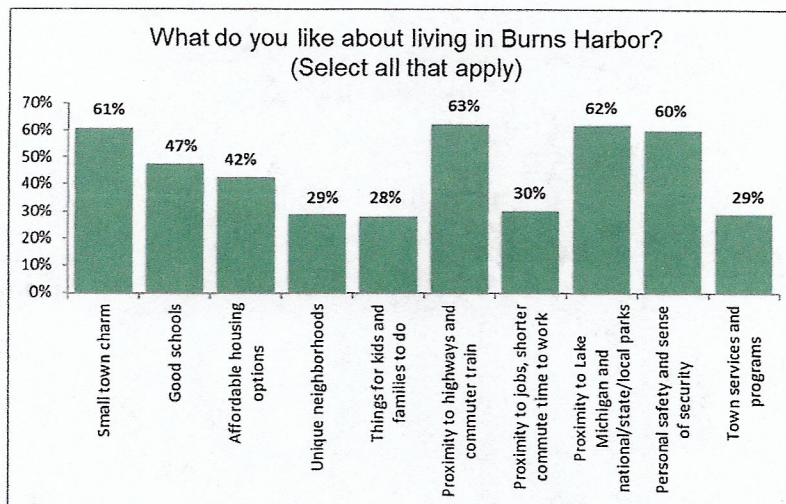
Total Responses

Date Created: Monday, July 02, 2018

Complete Responses: 170

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### Q1: What do you like about living in Burns Harbor?



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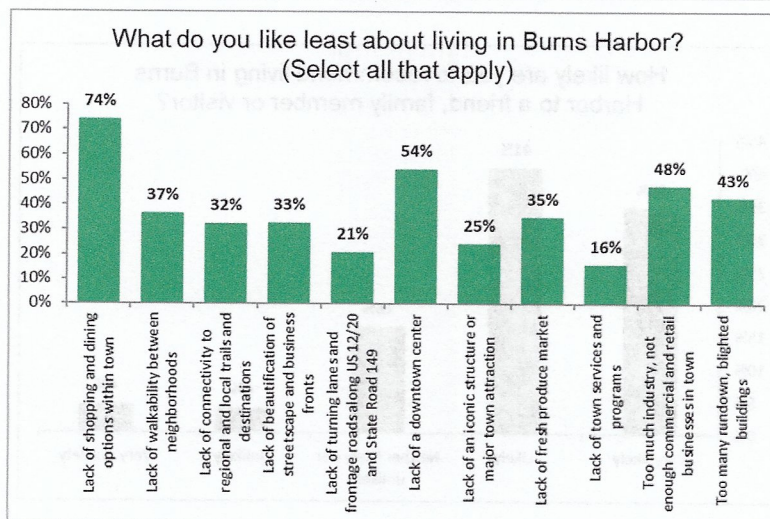
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### Q1: Summary of Responses

- Low Taxes
- Small Town Charm / Rural Feel
- Sense of Privacy
- Not a lot of Traffic or People
- Place They Grew Up
- Proximity to Chicago, Chesterton, Duneland Schools, Trails
- Somewhat Walkable
- Feel Safe Except for Loss of Ambulance Service
- Caring Community
- Happy to be Here

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## Q2: What do you like least about living in Burns Harbor?



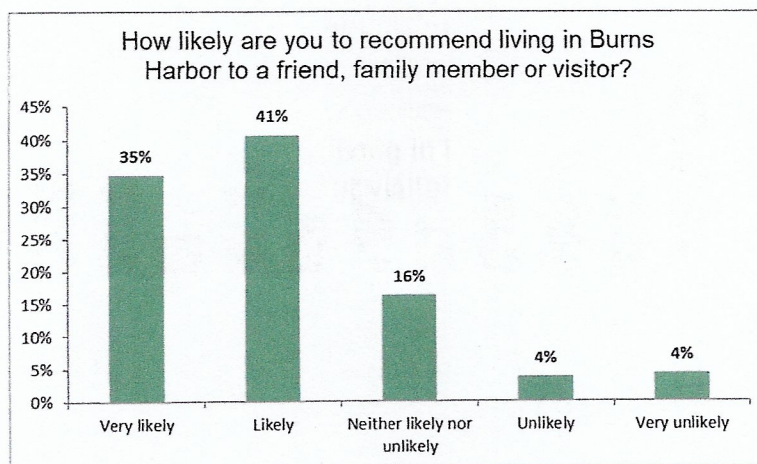
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## Q2: Summary of Responses

- Lack of merger between Chesterton, Porter and Burns Harbor
- Lack of commercial, retail, professional spaces, strip mall with a grocery store, coffee shop or drug store
- Lack of Comcast / broadband internet
- Lack of ambulance service
- Lack of community participation from residents and officials
- Lack of communication about town happenings in print
- Lack of sidewalks connecting neighborhoods
- Lack of 1-94 noise abatement
- Lack of trail connecting Corlin's landing to other neighborhoods or trails
- Lack of things for kids to do in town
- Lack of town spending
- Frequency in repaving older streets compared to attention placed on newer streets
- Spending on Food Truck Square
- People not friendly enough
- High number of rental units
- Too focused on commercial, need more residential living
- No Air quality, odors and soot from industry
- Time length of school bus service needs improvement i.e. 1-2 hour commutes for kids before/after school
- It is not about changing who we are but enhancing who we are

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**Q3: How likely are you to recommend living in Burns Harbor to a friend, family member or visitor?**

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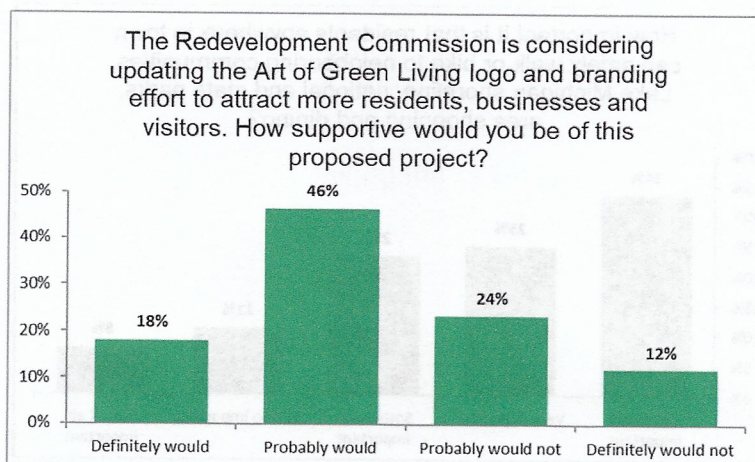
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**Q4: What does the Art of Green Living mean to you? Summary of Responses**

- 40% of respondents did not know or attach meaning to the Art of Green Living
- 43% of respondents associate Art of Green Living with being eco-friendly, energy efficient, resource conservation and sustainability
- A few respondents said it is "important"
- A few respondents said it only means one subdivision
- A few respondents expressed it meaning expensive housing and higher cost of living

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**Q5: The Redevelopment Commission is considering updating the Art of Green Living logo and branding effort to attract more residents, businesses and visitors. How supportive would you be of this proposed project?**



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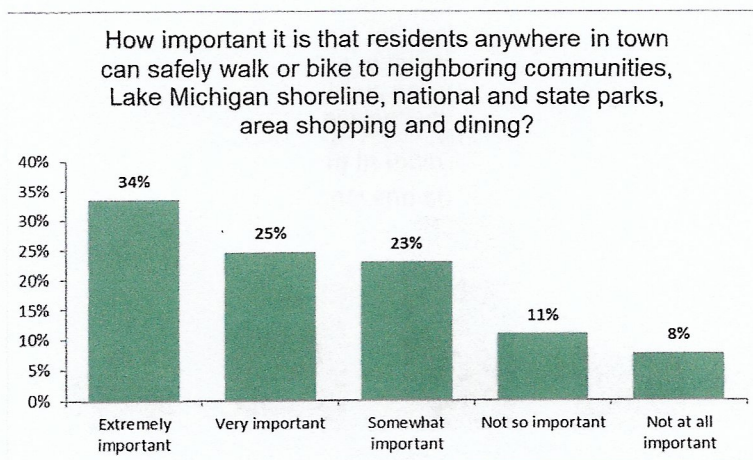
**Q6: How important it is that residents anywhere in town can safely walk or bike to Lakeland Park or other neighborhood parks?**



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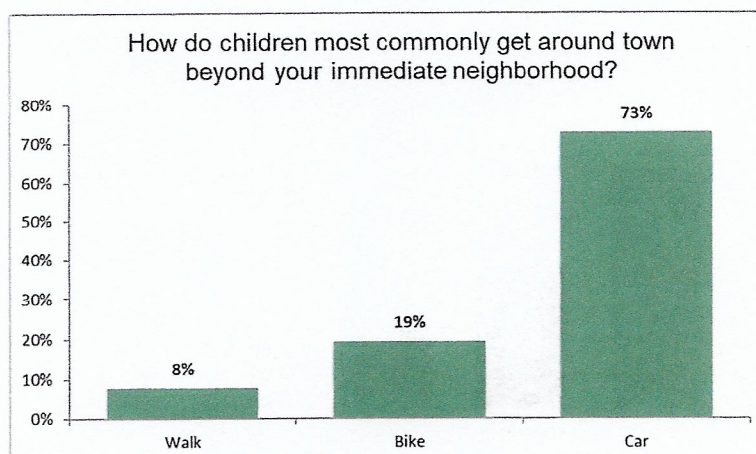
**Q7: How important it is that residents anywhere in town can safely walk or bike to neighboring communities, Lake Michigan shoreline, national and state parks, area shopping and dining?**



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**Q8: How do children most commonly get around town beyond your immediate neighborhood?**



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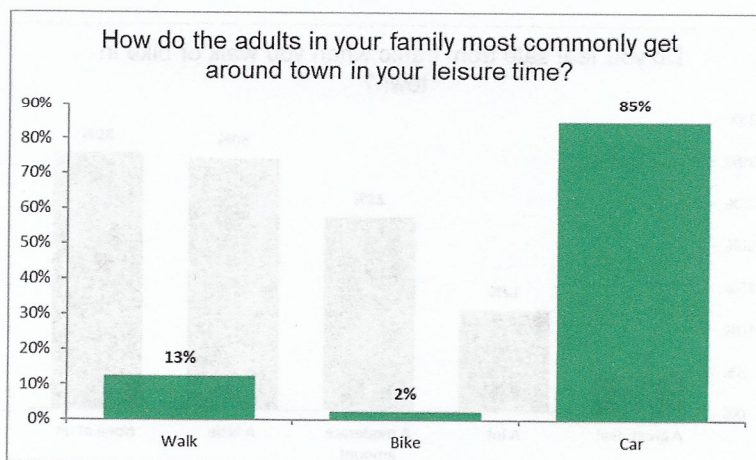
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### Q8: Summary of Responses

- No safe way to bike/walk to rails/trails that are close by, or to cross 20/149/12/Babcock
- No trails connecting neighborhoods
- Would bike if safe to do so
- Wants privacy, remain not connected to any neighborhoods  
A trail from corlins landing and trail creek to the bike trails would be a much needed and welcomed addition to the neighborhoods .
- Car or golf cart
- Walk & Bike
- Parents drive them around town
- Several respondents noted they do not have kids or lack of children on the block

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### Q9: How do the adults in your family most commonly get around town in your leisure time?

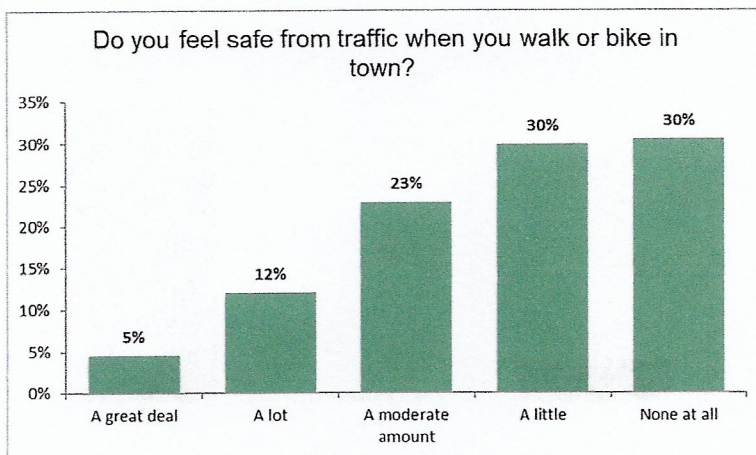


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**Q9: Summary of Responses**

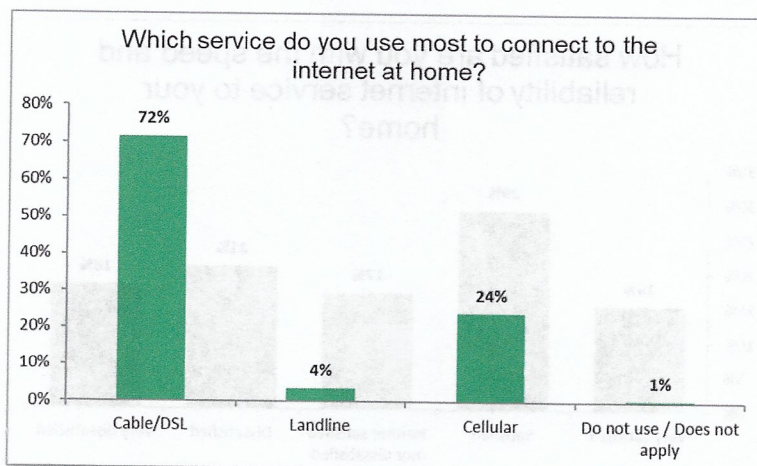
- Won't let kids walk in traffic
- Need more sidewalks to connect to other areas
- Restricted to Harbor Trails subdivision or Traditions
- We walk our neighborhood often but anywhere outside the neighborhood requires a car
- Lack of sidewalks along Ind. 149, US 20, 200 W and Babcock
- No safe way to bike/walk to rails/trails that are close by
- Golf cart
- Not much of a "town"

Powered by  SurveyMonkey**Q10: Do you feel safe from traffic when you walk or bike in town?**

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### Q11: Which service do you use most to connect to the internet at home?



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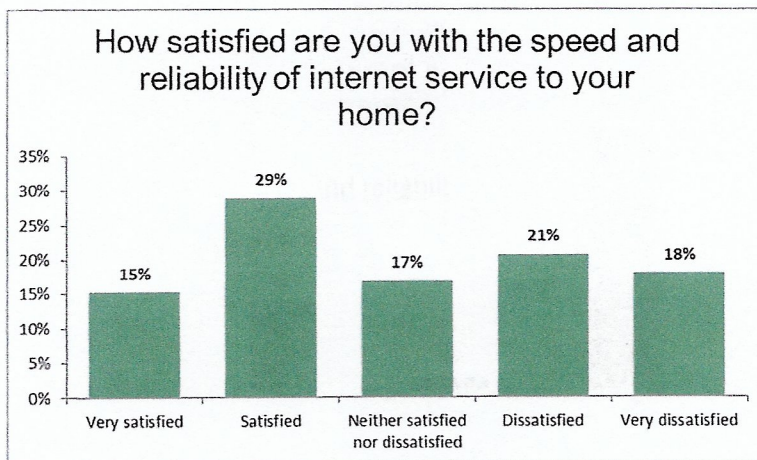
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### Q11: Summary of Responses

- Comcast
- Direct TV
- MTA, there are no other options.
- Hughsnet
- Lack of viable internet service provider
- Lack of quality internet service so if slow, switch over to cellular
- Would like fiber
- Hot spot
- Limited satellite service, no cable available
- Satellite- nothing else is offered in our subdivision

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**Q12: How satisfied are you with the speed and reliability of internet service to your home?**

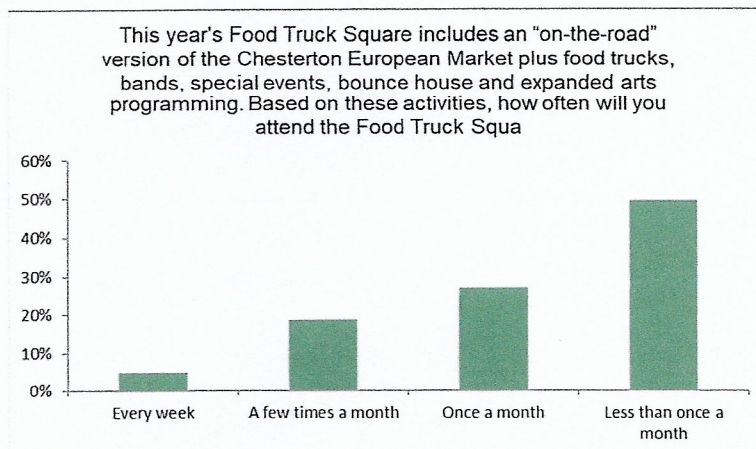


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**Q13: This year's Food Truck Square includes an "on-the-road" version of the Chesterton European Market plus food trucks, bands, special events, bounce house and expanded arts programming. Based on these activities, how often will you attend the Food Truck Square this year?**

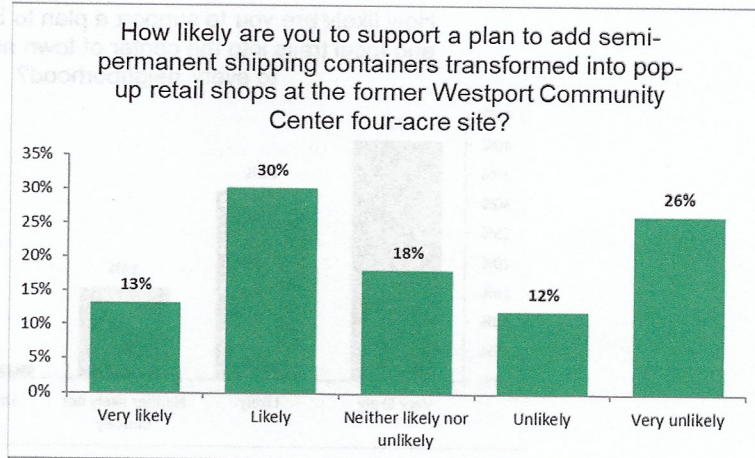
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**Q14: How likely are you to support a plan to add semi-permanent shipping containers transformed into pop-up retail shops at the former Westport Community Center four-acre site?**

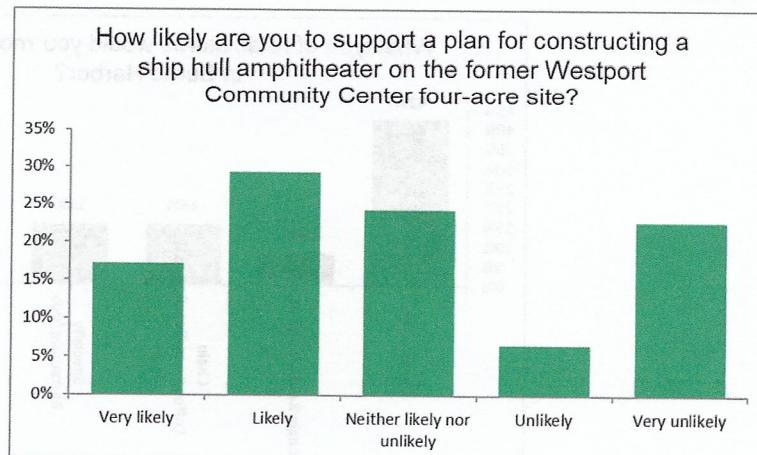
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**Q15: How likely are you to support a plan for constructing a ship hull amphitheater on the former Westport Community Center four-acre site?**

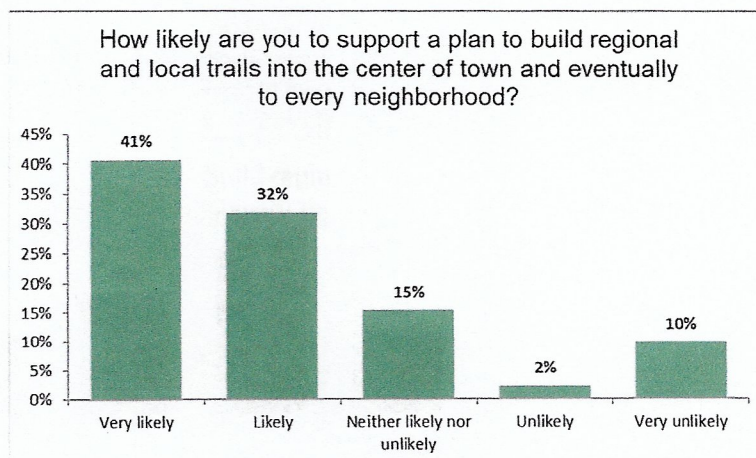
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**Q16: How likely are you to support a plan to build regional and local trails into the center of town and eventually to every neighborhood?**

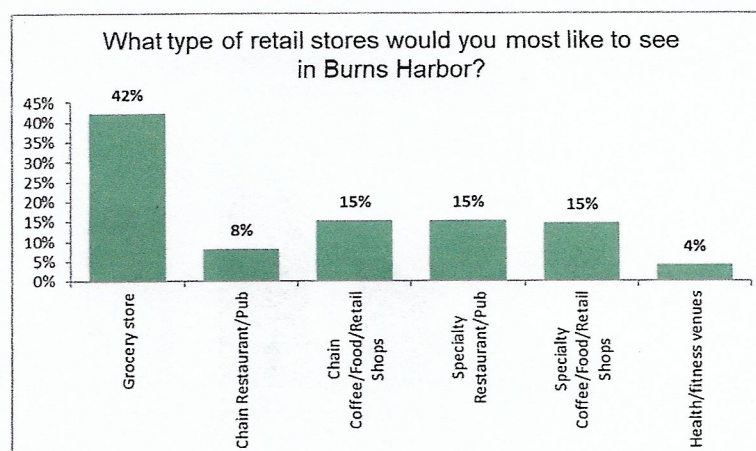
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**Q17: What type of retail stores would you most like to see in Burns Harbor?**

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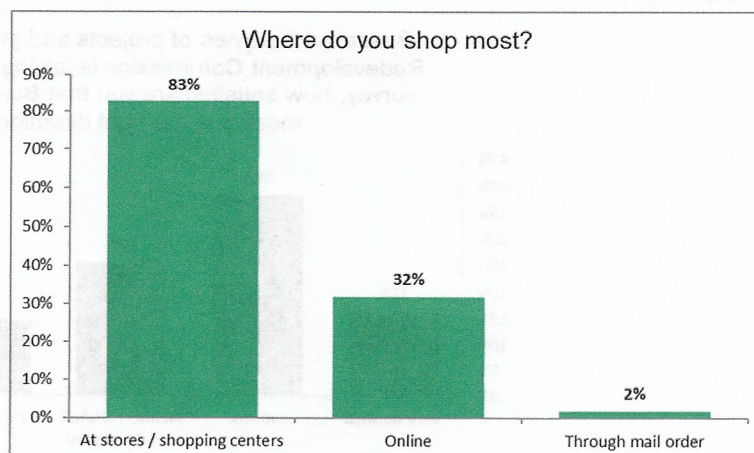
### Q17: Summary of Responses

- Concern about low or fixed income residents being able to afford new retail prices
- Walgreens, CVS, Tates and Centier Bank
- Smaller shops, dry cleaner, day care, chiropractor, hair salon, brew pub, small restaurant, small grocer, butcher, fresh produce
- Grocery store, chain restaurant/pub, chain coffee/food/retail shops and specialty restaurant/pub, fitness, winery, merchandise/hardware
- Any
- Anything local
- Nothing, would lose small town feel
- Moved here for the lack of business. When we eat out or shop we go to valpo or portage. Businesses not needed here.
- If you want to live in a community with all these things you should've bought a house somewhere else.

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### Q18: Where do you shop most?

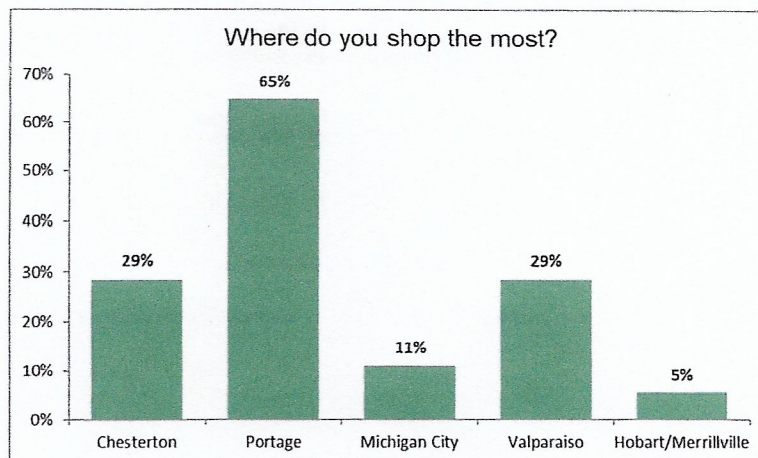
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**Q19: Where do you shop the most?**

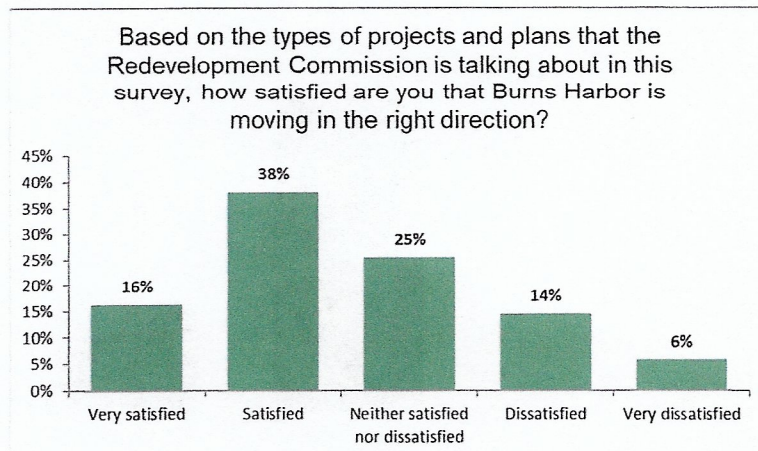
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**Q20: Based on the types of projects and plans that the Redevelopment Commission is talking about in this survey, how satisfied are you that Burns Harbor is moving in the right direction?**

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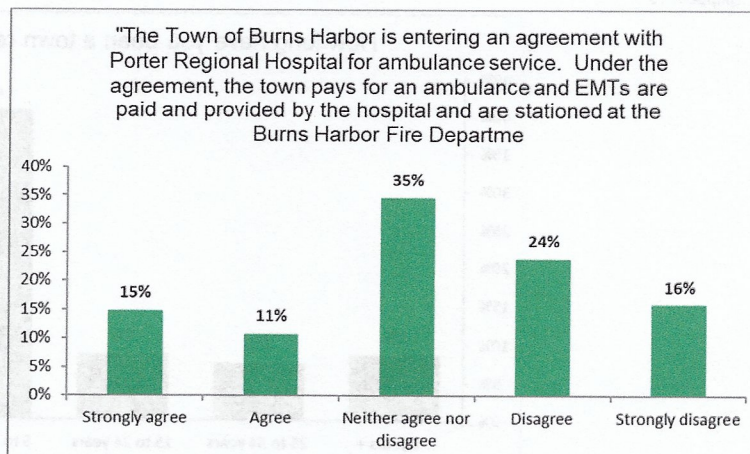
### Q20: Summary of Responses

- Heard this all before
- Same story with no action
- Eliminate the Food Truck Square, reduce costs for family
- Food Truck feels stalled and diminished over the season, no shipping containers
- Attract businesses
- Increase trail access
- Be realistic
- Install more playgrounds, especially around apartment
- Spend local funds on core projects, not extras or consultants
- Why have RC
- Keep the small town atmosphere, don't want to lose that, less industry
- Don't lose the vision. Dedication is needed by all officials!
- Take care of roads and sewers specifically in Trail Creek and hold developers accountable
- Entice restaurants to build off 94

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**Q21: "The Town of Burns Harbor is entering an agreement with Porter Regional Hospital for ambulance service. Under the agreement, the town pays for an ambulance and EMTs are paid and provided by the hospital and are stationed at the Burns Harbor Fire Department. Should the Town of Burns Harbor instead run its own ambulance service by hiring new employees at the expense of Burns Harbor tax payers?"**

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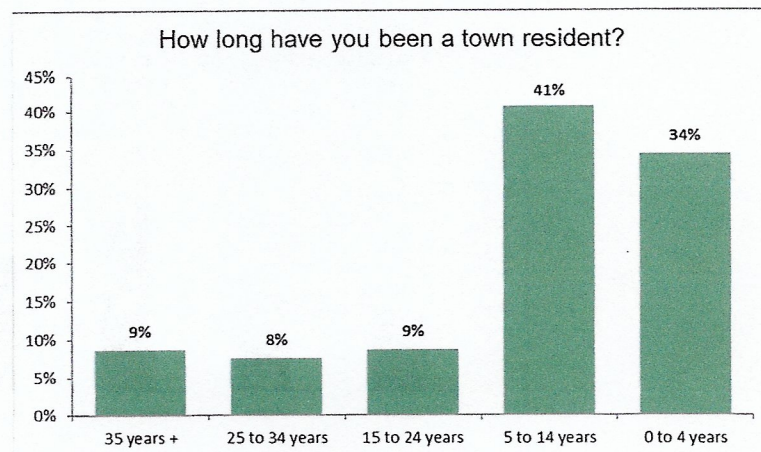
**Q22: Do you have any further comments you wish to add about any of the survey topics?**  
**Summary of Responses**

- Maintain small town feel, both privacy and connectedness
- Embrace Westport identity i.e. Westport Park
- Bring new businesses that provide convenience and amenities but don't detract from small town charm
- Create quality of life for 'old-timers', new residents and kids
- Support trails
- Create employment opportunities
- I just wish there were more upscale businesses around us.
- Rename the 4 acre park Westport Park
- Create a downtown district
- Address current power situation. Small blackouts occur almost weekly.
- Stop hiring all the unnecessary consultants. Laughing all the way to bank.
- Maintain what is here like street signs, streets
- Don't waste money, don't spend on consultants or raise taxes
- Happy to be Here
- Strengthen sense of community
- Leverage proximity to South Shore commuter line and highways
- Concern for rental units and owner-occupied housing issues

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**Q23: How long have you been a town resident?**

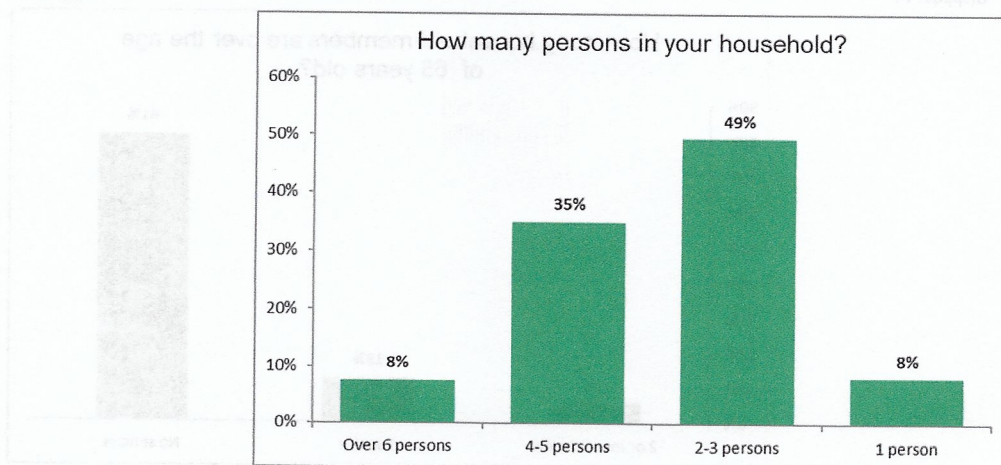
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**Q24: How many persons in your household?**

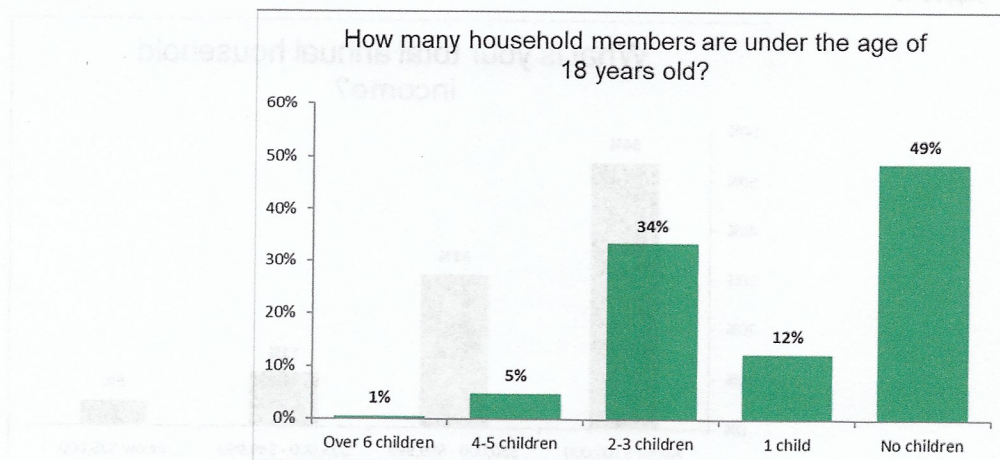
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**Q25: How many household members are under the age of 18 years old?**

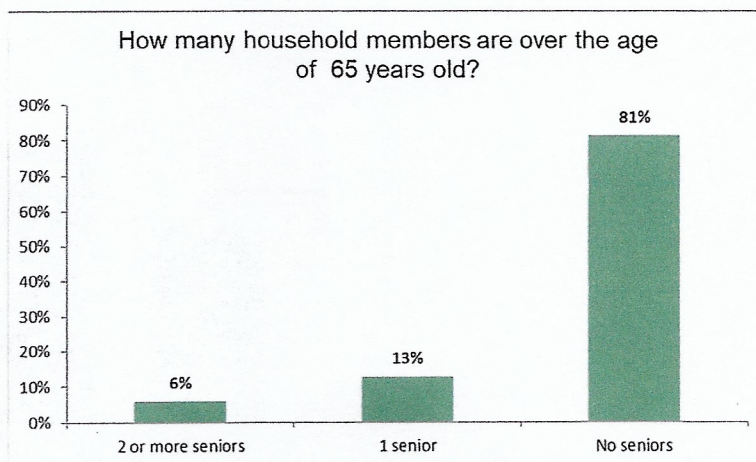
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**Q26: How many household members are over the age of 65 years old?**

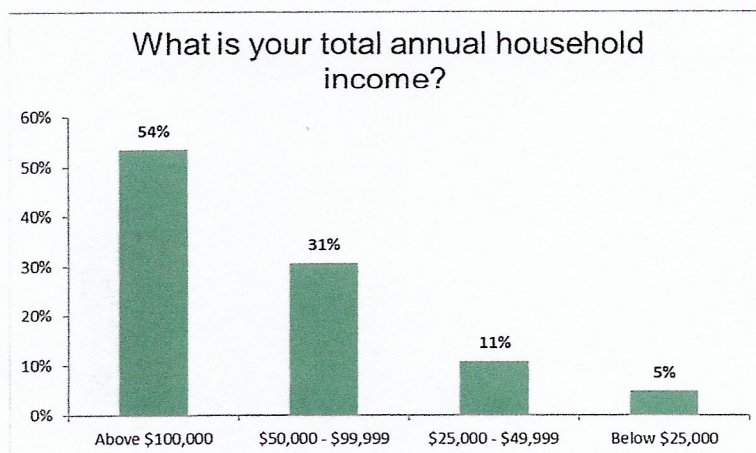
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**Q27: What is your total annual household income?**

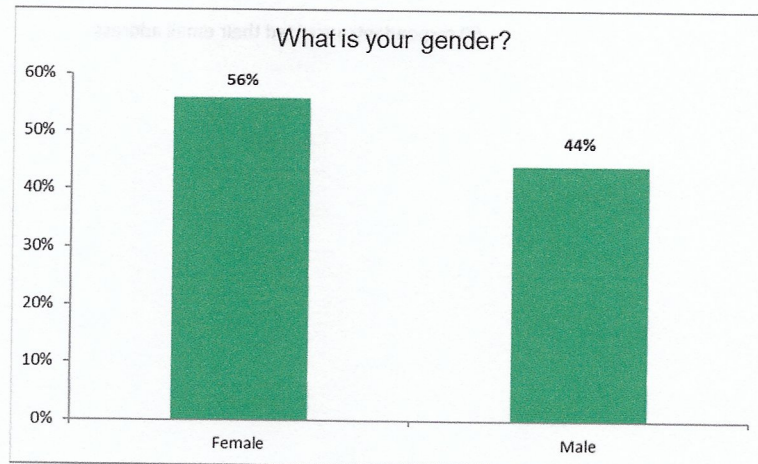
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**Q28: What is your gender?**

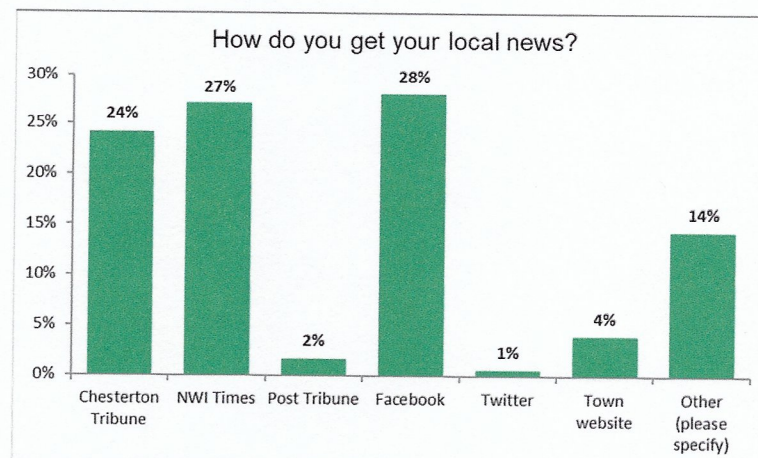
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**Q29: How do you get your local news?**

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**Q30: Would you like to be added to the Redevelopment Commission email list?**

- 60 respondents provided their email address